

## **Memorandum**

**To: Faculty and Librarians**

**From: Professor Janet Burke, Executive Secretary Faculty Senate**

**Date: May 27, 1998**

**Re: Minutes 5/27/98**

A special meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on May 27, 1998 at 4:30PM in O'Leary 22. The following Senators were in attendance:

John Catalozzi, Education; Ross Holmstrom, Electrical Eng; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; Carol Barry, Plastics Eng; Ross Stacer, Plastics Eng; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Michael Carter, Economics; Jeannie Judge, English; Peter Blewett, History; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Linda Saitz, Language; Jane Freimiller, Philosophy; Philip Moss, RESD; Jean Pyle, RESD; Thomas Shea, Biology; Kuang-Pang Li, Chemistry; Raymond Gumb, Computer Science; James Graham-Eagle, Mathematics; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; George Chabot, Physics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; Irwin Shapiro, Management; Paula Telesco, Music ; Rosita Sands, Music; Helen Jones, Library;

### **Agenda**

This special meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to respond to Administrative Announcement #23. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed at the May 4th meeting of the Senate. The Committee's recommendations were sent by Email to all Senators on 5/21/98. A hard copy with supporting materials was also mailed to all Senators on 5/21/98.

The following individuals are members of the Ad Hoc Committee: Robert Parkin(Chair), Joyce Gibson, Peter Blewett, Arthur Mittler, James Coates, Anne Trenkampe, Al Doerr, Janet King.

The following report from the Ad Hoc Committee (AHC) includes recommendations , which were discussed and voted on at this meeting of the Faculty Senate. In italics following each recommendation is the decision and vote of the Faculty Senate on that recommendation.

### **Report of the Ad Hoc Committee**

College of Education:

The major administrative changes propose renaming the College and relocating of the college. The relocation of the College was of concern since no details were given in the administrative announcement. In particular, AHC noted that the College of Education had to "make do at their existing facility, and concern was expressed that unless an adequate budget was provided for relocation, renovation and equipping the new space, serious damage could result to the functioning of the College.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF AHC:

#1. Remove the name "Lowell" from the proposed new name so it is called "Graduate School of Education", and assure that UMass remains attached to the name.

The Faculty Senate supports this recommendation by the following vote:

VOTE YES 22 NO 0 abstain 0

#2. Approve the relocation of the College provided the budget details are shown to be adequate.

Professor Liebowitz suggested and it was agreed that the word "detail" should be removed from the recommendation and the word "are" changed to "is".

Recommendation #2 as amended: Approve the relocation of the College provided the budget is shown to be adequate.

The Faculty Senate supports this amended recommendation by the following vote:

VOTE YES 21 NO 0 abstain 0

#3. Approve the change in name provided the new entity has a dean to serve on the Council of Deans.

The Faculty Senate supports this recommendation by the following vote:

VOTE YES 22 NO 0 abstain 0

The merger of College of Fine Arts with Humanities and Social Sciences in College of Arts and Sciences:

Consideration of this part of the Ad Hoc Committee's report was moved to the end of the agenda.

AHC had major problems with this proposal.

\* The reasons given for the merger were less than compelling: a dean stepping down, stronger faculty influence, to enable students to understand their cultures, etc. were seen as a mask for the real, unstated reasons.

\* The College of Arts and Sciences is the biggest College at the University, containing well over 50% of the faculty. As such it should, if anything, be made smaller by division.

\* Although the number of full-time faculty in the College of Fine Arts is small (20), the number of adjuncts is 35, so the College is of adequate size and viable.

\* If the proposed merger is intended to save money, this should be stated and solid numbers used to back this up. AHC sees little or no cost savings from the merger.

RECOMMENDATION OF AHC:

#4. The merger is opposed since it could do irreparable harm to critical elements in the

College: see documentation provided.

Professor Parkin, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee read the recommendation. He indicated that although Provost Wagner attended one of the committee meetings and clarified some points, the committee still felt that it did not have adequate information in order to reach its decision. In addition after the committee report was written several faculty members presented additional important information. Consequently the committee is uncomfortable with the recommendation stated in its report.

The executive Secretary read into the record a letter from Professor Ogasapian, which supported the merger. Professor McGahan spoke in favor of the merger. Professor Moylan spoke against the merger, asking how the campus will embrace and value the arts and asking that the college be allowed to stand as an individual entity. Professor Mele spoke against the merger, citing "merger mania". Professor Sands spoke against the merger. Dean Kleniewski indicated that she supports whatever is best for students and faculty and suggested exploring opportunities for collaboration with or without the merger. She stated that if the merger occurs she will be sensitive to the needs of the fine arts faculty for space and equipment. Professor Shapiro called for collegiality and the need to respond to the manner in which the merger is being done. Professor Telesco spoke on behalf of the students in the College and indicated that they are opposed to the merger.

Senate President Nicolosi indicated that there seem to be two options: (1) to vote on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee; (2) to table the recommendation and give the Executive Committee the opportunity to research this further and present its recommendations at the next Senate meeting.

The following motion was made:

MOTION Table the issue and refer it to the Executive Committee and have the recommendations of the Executive Committee presented to the Senate in the Fall.

Vote on the Motion to table: yes 13 no 7 abstain 3

Professor Blewett stated his objection to the tabling, and indicated that he would like all the information out in the open.

Professor Parkin briefly reviewed the background indicating that the information received from professor Moylan was crucial to the decision that was made, however since that time other faculty have come forward and stated a different position.

The following motion was made:

MOTION The Faculty Senate recommends that the administration not take action on the merger of the College of Fine Arts until the Senate has made its recommendations. The issues relating to the college merger will be studied further by the Ad Hoc Committee in light of all information available . The Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Executive Committee . The Executive committee will reported its recommendations back to the Senate .

VOTE YES 17 NO 2 abstain 1

Professor Parkin announced that all information regarding this issue should be in his hands by June 15th.

The relocation of the Campus Honors Program to the College of Arts and Sciences:

Documents opposing this move from the Honors Council Executive Committee was found to be compelling. The Honors Program is a campus wide program and should be administered by a campus wide body such as the Council of Deans.

RECOMMENDATION OF AHC:

#5. The Campus Honors Program should be administered campus wide by a director reporting to the Provost or the Council of Deans, and any academic changes to be approved by the Undergraduate Policy Committee of the Faculty Senate: see the documentation provided.

The Faculty Senate supports this recommendation by the following vote:

VOTE YES 22 NO 0 abstain 0

The AHC applauds the expansion of Continuing Education into the Corporate Education/ Training, Continuing Education and Enrichment Programs.

RECOMMENDATION OF AHC:

#6. Academic control of the programs and courses in the Corporate

Education/Training, Continuing Education and Enrichment Programs remain in the hands of the full-time faculty.

There was a brief discussion about the name and it was suggested that the name is important and that it could be discussed informally.

The Faculty Senate supports recommendation #6 of the Ad Hoc committee by the following vote:

VOTE YES 22 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

Following the vote Professor Doerr presented the following motion.

MOTION We support the high level of service for the faculty provided by what was previously called University College. We ask the Chancellor and the Provost for assurance that the same excellent level of support be provided to faculty and students.

VOTE ON THE MOTION YES 22 NO 0 abstain 0

RECOMMENDATION OF AHC:

#7. If the Campus Administration does not accept all the recommendations of the Faculty Senate, then the deadline for the final response from the Faculty Senate be extended until

September 15, 1998.

This recommendation was not considered because of the decision on the Merger of the College of Fine Arts.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50PM.